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From the Boulder City Pool

In preparation for the *10th Annual Cardboard Boat Race* to be held on Wednesday, July 21, the staff at the Boulder City Pool will host a "Cardboard Boat Building Workshop" on Friday, July 16 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the pool. Staff will have generic supplies, such as glue, scissors, rulers, pencils, pens and some markers, to help with the boat building. Be sure to bring specific supplies needed to build



that special boat, namely cardboard,



your captain and any special items you want to add on. Remember: no plastic bottles, foam or floatation items are allows. While you are working on your boat, snacks will be supplied. Please call 293-9286 ASAP to register for this workshop since space is limited.

10th Annual Cardboard Boat Race takes place Wednesday, July 21, 2010 with registration and judging beginning at 6 p.m. at the pool. Races begin at 7 p.m. Awards will be given for the most original boat, the most futuristic boat and the funniest boat. There will also be a Mayor's Award. First and second place medals will be given during the water races.

African Honey Bee: What You Need to Know

Malcolm T. Sanford and H. Glenn Hall

What can I do to protect my home and family from Africanized Honey Bees?

You can start by bee proofing your home and yard:

- Remove potential nesting site
- Inspect exterior walls and eaves
- Seal openings greater than 1/8-inch
- Install screens (1/8-inch hardware cloth) over vents, rain spouts, water meter/utility boxes, tree cavities, etc.

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• During peak swarming season (spring through fall) inspect once or twice a week for any bee activity.

Educate your family to follow general precautions and have a bee safety plan:

- Listen for buzzing and look for bees entering or leaving an area, indicating a nest or swarm
- Carefully enter areas where bees might be nesting (garages, sheds, old cars, etc.)
- Examine area prior to using noisy power equipment (lawn mowers, blowers, chain saws, etc.)
- Examine areas before tying or penning pets and livestock
- Never disturb a swarm or colony of bees -- contact a pest control company for assistance
- If you know you are allergic to bee stings check with your doctor about a sting kit

What should I do if I locate a swarm or colony of bees on my property?

If you find bees on your property, stay away. If the swarm or colony is disturbed:

- Get away from bees as quickly as possible. Africanized bees defend their nest so moving away from the nest is a good strategy
- Protect your face and eyes as much as possible
- Take shelter in an enclosed area
- Call a local beekeeper or pest control company for information. Pest control companies may need to be engaged to destroy the nest
- Do not stand still and swat at the bees; rapid movements will cause them to sting.

What action should I take if I'm stung by bees?

Try to prevent stings by protecting yourself in a safe area (building, car, truck) as quickly as possible. If stung,

- Scrape stingers from skin with a blunt object as soon as possible. If not done, venom will continue to be injected over time
- Wash effected area with soap and water and apply ice to relieve pain and swelling
- If allergic reaction occurs such as difficulty in breathing or hives over large areas of the body, inject adrenaline from an emergency sting kit, administer antihistamines and seek medical attention
- If many stings are received, there is risk of toxic envenomation and medical attention should be sought. The treatment for this is renal dialysis. Many physicians may not be familiar with this situation because it generally only arises due to massive defensive behavior by AHB.

Animal Control Supervisor Mary Jo Frazier advises anyone encountering bees to please call Animal Control at 293-9283 or call the main number at the Police Department, 293-9224. Please do not call 911.

Upcoming Events

✓ Farmer's Market at the Senior Center – Each Friday, a Farmer's Market takes place at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

✓ Train Rides - Ride the train from the Nevada State Railroad Museum, 600 Yucca Street, Boulder City, each Saturday and/or Sunday. Train departs at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. This is a 45-minute round trip excursion train ride along the original tracks that were used to bring supplies to the Hoover Dam construction site in 1931. Prices: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 kids ages 4-12; group rate of 12 or more is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids. For further details, call 486-5933 or go to www.NevadaSouthern.com.

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